

temperatures is avoided. Applicants, therefore, respectfully submit that Wyceh is not combinable with Kagoshima and/or Carey and, if combined, cannot render the claimed invention obvious (e.g., refer to M.P.E.P. 2143.01, Section 2, Where The Teachings Of The Prior Art Conflict).

It is important to note that none of the applied references alone or in combination disclose that an exothermic reaction occurs during mixing, that the reacting mixture generates heat sufficient to expand an encapsulated blowing agent and/or dispensing a foam obtained from the exothermic reaction.

Moreover, none of the cited references disclose other aspects of the invention such as using a containment device, at least one polyol, a foam composite or laminate, polyvinyl alcohol, phenoxy resin, the dispensing system of Figure 2, among other aspects of the invention. For these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that none of the references of record can be properly combined to support a prima facie case of obviousness. Should the Office continue the instant rejection, Applicants respectfully request an explanation of what is the motivation to combine the applied references and how the references are applied to each of the pending claims.

The instant application claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of prior filed parent U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 09/081,967 and 09/197,124. Applicants respectfully request consideration of these applications as well as the information cited on the Information Disclosure Statements filed therein.

Should there be any fee due in connection with this Application, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 15-0680 (Orscheln Management Company). Should the Examiner deem that any further action on the part of Applicant would advance prosecution, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney.

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